



with the settlement of the estate of his maternal grand-father, Col. John McKee.

Our ladies who have achieved their Easter finery are praying for summer skies and balmy weather tomorrow.

Mr. W. T. M. Johnson of our city, has gone for a short period of rest to his old home in Philadelphia, Pa.

Mr. Robt. Gatewood, of 1709 K street has been dangerously ill, but is now thought to be mending.

Mr. Douglas P. Syphax has just returned from a trip to Philadelphia, whither he was called in connection

Mrs. Mary Slade, of Lincolnton, Va., is in town for a few days, the guest of Miss Mary Hodge, of G street, northwest.

Mr. Warner Hurley, for many years an attache of the Supreme Court, continues to be the champion pedestrian of the city.

Mr. Fred Fitchell, of New York, and Mr. Norman Sampson, of Charlottesville, Va., are in town for the Easter holidays.

Mr. C. S. Curtis, a valued employe of Mr. F. C. Stevens of this city, is developing much skill as an amateur photographer.

All the stockholders of the Capital Savings Bank were not guilty of wrong doing, whatever may be charged against the few.

Dr. J. A. McDuffie, chairman of the Committee of Arrangements, says that the success of the Banneker's Charity Reception on the 17th instant, is already assured.

Mr. Wallace W. McCary, of the Pension Bureau, and his estimable family, feel keenly the death of Mr. Wm. H. Bruce, who was Mr. McCary's father-in-law.

The Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute has just received ten thousand dollars through the will of the late James H. Danforth, of Boston, Mass.

Mr. Reggie Brooks of 18th street, northwest, is rendering acceptable service as organist and precentor at St. Mary's Chapel.

Hon. John C. Dancy, our efficient Recorder of Deeds, is in demand throughout the North as a lecturer upon social, political and religious themes. He has just returned from a most successful tour.

Ex-Gov. R. H. Gleaves, still hale and hearty, is the oldest Mason in the District of Columbia. He is the Secretary and business agent of the Masonic Hall Building Association.

Social matters have been very quiet within the last few days owing to the fact that it has been "Holy Week." Many brilliant functions are projected for Easter Week.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Polbert, of O street are already planning for again taking up their residence at their attractive place at Arundel-on-the-Bay this summer.

Supervising Principal Ellis W. Brown has recovered all his old time vigor and is fully justifying the estimate of those responsible for his elevation to his present position.

Mr. William H. Bruce, an aged and highly respected citizen has died within a few days. Mr. Bruce had received the highest honors in masonry and had been a member of that craft more than half a century.

Henderson Commandery, No. 2, Knights Templar, have been celebrating their forty-eighth anniversary during the past week by a three nights' entertainment at the Conservatory of Music.

Dr. John P. Turner is expected to return to the city shortly, but whether permanently or not is not disclosed. The boys at 5th and Va. avenue, southeast, will be glad in either event to see the doctor's genial face.

Mr. G. Washington Wood, of B street southeast, is one of the veterans of the Interior Department. Though past the allotted age of man, he is still actively performing his duties at the Department, with a firm tread and a clear eye.

Mrs. Laura V. Fisher is one of our conscientious and capable teachers. Her connection with our schools has existed for many years and she continues thoroughly up to date. The young people who have gone out from her excellent instruction are both conspicuous and numerous.

Dr. Lewis B. Moore, Dean of Teachers' College, of Howard University, has spent this week in New York City, inspecting the organization, management and methods of the Teachers' College, of Columbia University and the Pratt Institute of Brooklyn. The doctor will doubtless bring back many new ideas for the very successful pedagogical work over which he presides.

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## The Grand Fountain of the United Order of True Reformers

Is the leading Colored Fraternal Society of the United States. It was organized January, 1881, by William W. Browne, and chartered in April, 1883, under the laws of the State of Virginia, with headquarters at Richmond, Va. Its membership is both male and female, and consists of all persons of good health from 14 to 60 years of age. Its membership of 60,000 is divided into Fountains and Circles. It pays sick benefits from \$1.50 to \$2.50 per week, and pays death benefits from \$24.56 to \$1000.

**BENEFITS PAID**—Total benefits paid to date: Sick dues, \$1,500,000; death benefits, \$714,378.75.

**SENIOR FOUNTAINS**—A Fountain may be organized consisting of 20 or more persons not over 50 years of age paying a joining fee of from \$4.60 to \$5.10 each. The monthly dues are not less than 35 cents in rural districts and not less than 50 cents per month in towns and cities, and a semi-annual tax of 40 cents paid in January and July of each year. Sick benefits paid are from \$1.50 to \$2.50 per week, while death benefits range from \$75 to \$125. A Fountain may be organized in any locality on application to Rev. W. L. Taylor, G. W. Master, or to any of his authorized deputies.

**ROSEBUDS**—For the proper training of the young and their development in thrift, industry and brotherly love, there has been formed a Children's Department known as the Rosebuds. Twenty or more children not less than three nor more than fourteen years of age may form a Rosebud, upon the payment of \$1 each. This department, like the Senior Fountain, pays sick benefits from \$1 to twenty-five cents per week, and death benefits from \$24.50 to \$37. The monthly dues are fifteen cents per month.

**CLASSES**—Persons desiring to leave their beneficiaries at death a larger amount than is paid from Fountain Department, take out policies in one or more of the Classes of the Mutual Benefit Degree. The members of this degree are divided into Circles, and pay joining fees and dues according to the following tables:

Class "B"						Class "E"					
Age	Joining fee	Value of Certificate after one year	Value of Certificate before one year	Annual Dues	Quarterly Dues	Age	Joining fee	Value of Certificate after one year	Value of Certificate before one year	Annual Dues	Quarterly Dues
14 to 25	\$2.50	\$200.00	\$100.00	\$4.75	\$1.20	14 to 25	\$5.00	\$500.00	\$250.00	\$9.50	\$2.40
25 to 30	2.75	200.00	100.00	4.75	1.20	25 to 30	5.25	500.00	250.00	9.50	2.40
30 to 35	3.00	200.00	100.00	4.75	1.20	30 to 35	5.50	500.00	250.00	9.50	2.40
35 to 40	3.25	200.00	100.00	5.70	1.43	35 to 40	5.75	500.00	250.00	10.40	2.60
40 to 45	3.50	200.00	100.00	5.70	1.43	40 to 45	6.00	450.00	225.00	10.40	2.60
45 to 50	3.75	115.00	58.00	6.65	1.66	45 to 50	6.25	400.00	200.00	11.40	2.85
50 to 55	4.00	70.00	45.00	6.65	1.66	50 to 55	6.50	350.00	175.00	12.40	3.10
55 to 60	4.25	65.00	33.00	7.60	1.90	55 to 60	6.75	350.00	175.00	12.40	3.10

Class "M"					REGALIA				
Age	Joining fee	Value of Certificate	Annual dues	Quarterly dues	The members of the Fountains and Rosebuds of the organization wear no expensive regalia. The regalia of the organization is simple and its cost will be in the easy reach of all, costing from 10 cents to \$3. The same is made by the organization in what is known as the Regalia Department.				
14 to 20	\$11.00	\$1000.00	\$21.90	\$5.25					
20 to 25	12.00	1000.00	22.00	5.50					
25 to 30	12.00	900.00	23.00	5.75					
30 to 35	13.00	800.00	24.00	6.00					
35 to 40	13.00	700.00	25.00	6.25					

**THE SAVINGS BANK**—In March, 1888, there was granted by the Legislature of Virginia a charter to the Savings Bank of the Grand Fountain United Order of True Reformers, capital stock \$100,000. The bank commenced business April 3, 1889, and from that time down to the present has steadily increased in volume of business. It now has a paid up capital stock of \$100,000. From the humble sum of \$1,268.69, deposited the first day the bank opened for business in 1889, the deposits have grown to \$350,058, and the volume of business transacted amounts to \$6,190,141.47. During the financial panic of 1893, the Savings Bank of the Grand Fountain was the only bank in the city of Richmond that did not cease to pay cash on all checks presented, while the majority of other banks were using script and clearing house checks. This bank had its origin in the brain of William W. Browne, an ex-slave of Hathersham, Ga. The banking house is located at 604 North Second Street, Richmond, Va., Rev. W. L. Taylor, President; R. T. Hill, Cashier.

**REAL ESTATE DEPARTMENT**—The Real Estate Department has charge of all the real property to the amount of \$220,221.65, situated in various States, consisting of 13 magnificent buildings used as halls, 8 dwellings, 1 hotel, 5 stores and three farms. It also has under its control 16 large buildings leased by it. This department is under the management of Lawyer J. C. Robertson, chief of real estate and attorney for the association, office at 608 N. 2nd Street, Richmond, Va.

**REFORMERS MERCANTILE AND INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATION**—Was chartered under the laws of the State of Virginia on the 14th day of December, 1899, with principal office in the city of Richmond, Va. The purpose of this association is to conduct stores (wholesale and retail), buy and sell real property, manage and control hotels, manufacturing establishments, and do general business. The association has in operation Hotel Reformer, 900 N. Sixth Street, Richmond, Va. It is a modern up-to-date structure, heated by steam, cold and hot water baths, also electric cars passing the door. This hotel has accommodations for 150 guests. Mr. A. W. Holmes is manager, and Mr. T. W. Taylor is clerk. It has in operation a system of five stores, located as follows: Richmond, Va.; Washington, D. C.; Manchester, Va.; Portsmouth, Va.; and Roanoke, Va. The first of these stores, at Richmond, Va., was opened April 3d, 1900. It employs a force of 18 men, runs three delivery wagons, and during the first year did \$50,000 worth of business. The other stores have been established since, and have been equally as prosperous. The general manager of the system of stores is Mr. B. L. Jordan, headquarters at 608 N. Second Street, Richmond, Va. This Association was formed on the plans and recommendations made by Rev. W. L. Taylor, its President.

**THE REFORMER PRINTING DEPARTMENT**—Issues a weekly journal, THE REFORMER, which has a circulation of 12,000. This paper is published in the interest of the race, and discusses the leading questions of the day. The subscription price is \$1 per year, or 5c per single copy. The office is equipped with modern up-to-date machinery, run by electricity. It can print anything from a visiting card to a poster 42 by 62 inches. Fine job work of every class and description is made a specialty at lowest prices. Mr. E. W. Brown is editor and business manager, office 608 N. Second Street, Richmond, Va. Correspondence solicited and agents wanted.

**OLD FOLKS' HOME**—In September, 1898, Rev. William W. Brown recommended the formation and establishment of Old Folks' Homes for the benefit of old and decrepit members of the race. Since that time the valuable farm known as Westham, consisting of 634 1/2 acres, located six miles from Richmond, Va., on the historic "James," has been purchased, at a cost of \$14,400. The Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad runs through the farm, and Westham Station is located on it. Adjoining this farm is Westham Park, one of the most pleasant resorts in the South in summer. It is reached in a few minutes from Richmond by the Westham Electric Railway and the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway. As this home is for the benefit of the whole race, the co-operation of all charitable friends is prayerfully solicited. All contributions, donations and bequests of every character will be very thankfully received. Mr. T. W. Taylor is chief in charge of the Old Folks' Home, offices at 608 North Second Street, Richmond, Va. For further information address—

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